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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S SPEECH OF APRIL 8 ON LOS

1. IN ABSENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK, POLITICAL COUN-  
SELOR DISCUSSED SECRETARY'S SPEECH WITH DFA FIRST ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY BOUCHIER ON APRIL 13.

2. GOA STRONGLY SUPPORTS U.S. POSITION ON NEED TO RESOLVE  
OUTSTANDING ISSUES TO REACH FINAL RESULT THIS YEAR. ON  
SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, GOA GENERALLY FAVORS POSITIONS OUTLINED  
IN SECRETARY'S SPEECH EXCEPT ON QUESTION OF RESOURCE JUR-  
ISDICTION OVER CONTINENTAL MARGIN BEYOND 200 MILES WHERE GOA'S  
POSITION WILL BE TO CONTINUE TO OPPOSE ANY TAX, LEVY, OR ROYALTY  
ON PRODUCTION. GOA DOES NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY OF suc-  
CESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS ISSUE, BUT IS HESITANT TO ENTER  
INTO ANY SHARING AGREEMENT UNTIL COSTS AND VIABILITY OF PRO-  
JECTS BEYOND 200 MILES CAN BE BETTER DETERMINED. HARGROVE

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